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Buenos Aires, Argentina. March 8, 1940

SUBJECT: Whereabouts of Dr. Hermann Frederick Erben.

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

WASHINGTON.

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I have the honor to refer to the Department's strictly confidential circular instruction of February 21, 1940 (file no. 130-Erben, Hermann Frederick) and to report that a letter was recently received from Dr. Erben by Dr. Aristóbulo Barrionuevo, director of the Sanatorio Barrionuevo at Bahía Blanca. This letter, mailed at Antofagasta, Chile, stated that Dr. Erben had signed as a mess boy on the articles of the Nightingale in Panamá, where he had "influential friends" who would help him arrange for "more desirable" means of transportation to his "home" in San Francisco. He suggested that if Dr. Barrionuevo should care to write to him, he could always be reached in care of the San Francisco Bank, San Francisco, California.

It will be recalled that several ailing members of the crew of the Ussukuma were cared for in the Sanatorio Barrionuevo. It is understood that when Dr. Erben left Bahía Blanca he sold Dr. Barrionuevo certain medicines and drugs (not narcotic, in so far as is known) which had formed a part of the stocks of the

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Ussukuma's infirmity, and that the letter referred to acknowledged the receipt of 60 Argentine pesos in payment thereof.

Respectfully yours,

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American Consul General.

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